

**Subject:** Re: [TZM CORE] Re: Today's meeting

**From:** Kari <karin.e.mcgregor@gmail.com>

**Date:** 12/06/2012 3:56 PM

**To:** tzm-core-team@googlegroups.com

Hey there,

I'd just to clarify a few things re: Carlos Diaz (aka Brujo) because I'm not comfortable with internal politics and am not keen to see any discussions regarding structure or functionality become personal in any way. I would also like to clarify that I do my own thinking, respond according to my values and integrity, and am not persuaded to see things through anyone else's prism.

1. Carlos was always in a position to be able to tell anyone he wanted to tell about the core team because he has known about it since formation, as have all TZM AU coordinators and core-team members. He has expressed no problem with the team or with any individuals involved in it. I think that it is positive that he allowed information to come from the team itself, and not circulate as hearsay. It was my un-coerced decision to pass on this information and if anyone thinks there is a problem with that I'm happy to discuss it, as we did yesterday.

2. I know Carlos quite well - to the extent that I have spent personal time with him and his wife and even visited them in their home, and am in constant and positive communication with him. He is a valuable member of our team in Australia and hasn't caused a hint of a problem in any way (although he does sometimes call out members on their lack of comprehension of the Movement - those interested in TZM nutrition type of ideas - he's certainly no advocate of anything that strays from the accepted TZM line).

3. Carlos is open with me about his past experiences with the CND, which he parted from when he came to understand that there was a "non-TZM socialist agenda involved" (his words). He admits to being regretful because he did not see it for what it was from the start and was involved because he believed there to be more common ground than there actually was with his own values.

4. Carlos expresses no personal problems with any individuals, stating that he sees positive intention in all concerned regardless how things sometimes go in potentially confrontational situations. He has mentioned issues with the communication style of Gilbert and Ray. I don't get involved with that, but I do understand that we all need to be careful to communicate effectively and non-violently.

5. Carlos has problems with the LTI - I'm not sure this could be reasonably summarized as a campaign against the LTI. I think he raises some valid concerns and that we need to work together to ensure optimal functionality. It doesn't help us to be protective of the status quo (we, of all people, are surely aware of this point) - especially as these issues are not of a personal nature - they pertain to administrative matters that could function better if we are willing to discuss ways in which this can be achieved.

Regarding my letter - it was a response which I felt was needed considering the email thread I responded to was full of misunderstandings that should be set straight. The letter was intended to clear up already existing misinterpretations - not to create any. I'm tired of internal politics - it has no place in a Movement for social

change and I've seen this crap before in other organizations in which the majority of people are just trying to do the right thing but need to be equipped with information such as who to approach regarding certain issues. There are tiers of coordination within the Movement and it's only fair that people know who the go-to people are. I think that if people just know how things actually are then people like Gilbert won't be in the line of fire when there's no good reason for it. When things are made clear no one will have any ground on which to attack anyone and will be exposed for their actions if they do so. I'm not going to make any predictions for the future regarding how this information will be taken or used. All I can say is that with nothing to hide I feel no fear.

Please see yesterday's meeting agenda for the proposal in point #4 that clarifies my position further. I'm happy to discuss.

Cheers,  
**K McGregor**

On 6/12/2012 2:04 AM, Nelson wrote:

Sorry for my delay too, I just arrived home, but well, the topic in the meeting was around Karin's email to an open latin-america's group list exposing the core team through a third party (Carlos)"brujo". This led to misinterpretations about the creation of the TZM Core Team. Looks like a leak of "secret info", first because it's not a regular way, but mostly because Carlos (brujo) instigated in this matter.

I don't doubt Kari's kindness, but obviously, her knowledge about the spanish speaking chapters affairs is coming from Carlos, who was an instigator on Brian's CND case, Spains-Plaza del Sol Movement (precursor of OWS), open campaigning against LTI Team and some "ad hominem" attacks to Gilbert, Miguel, Ray and me.

All this plus the misinterpretations from some colombians making noise for the last 10-12 months about infamously "horizontalidad", make continuous ad hominem attacks and strawman fallacies at people, and propagate the idea that the Colombian chapter "IS" doing well with "Zeitgeist Teams" like "Zeitgeist Nutrition", Zeitgeist Permaculture" and Zeitgeist Medicine" to mention a few.

Im trying to deal with all this, and answering James question, no man, nothing relevant on education, the recording is just in my computer, and if somebody only in this group needs it I will upload it in a few hours. I would like to thank Jason and the other participants, and I suggest all to keep working and not waste time on structural issues, for that I think we already have the asynchronous tools.

Take Care  
Nelson

On 11 jun, 10:47, james phillips <[jamessh...@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jamessh...@hotmail.co.uk)> wrote:

Sorry for my lack of attendance. I am not sure how much help I will be to this group to be honest as I said what I needed to at the last meeting.

Was there anything concerning TZM Education that I need to know about?

Once again apologies. Speak soon,

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Hey there guys,

Today's meeting was not conducted in full due to low attendance. Please see attached agenda pdf for comments. We concentrated mainly on agenda item #4, but agreed not to make any decisions without larger representation of the team. Nelson has the recording which, I think I'm correct in saying, we have agreed is to be available only to the core team unless it is explicitly agreed otherwise, due to the sensitive nature of the discussion topic (please correct me if I'm wrong).

So - I'll leave it open to others to suggest an opportunity for the next meeting and to follow up on anything from the agenda in the meantime.

Cheers & take care,

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Global Chapters status and to-do list:

<https://trello.com/board/tzm-global-core/4f77abf5b625547d2808c0f1>

TZM Core List of Concerns:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VF9wS5MRIK\\_2lAW2rKvU3oop8owKrysGk...](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VF9wS5MRIK_2lAW2rKvU3oop8owKrysGk...)